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READING — Stony Creek Valley Coalition, Inc., Dauphin County, was named the Conservation Organization of the year this week as part of the activities at the 31st joint annual conference of the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation District Directors, Inc. and the State Conservation Commission.

Stony Creek Valley Coalition, Inc., is a volunteer organization that was incorporated in 1974. It consists of 53 conservation, civic, and sportsmen's groups representing 20,000 members. The goal of the Coalition is to preserve a unique natural area in Stony Creek Valley known as St. Anthony's Wilderness.

The Wilderness is

threatened by proposed plans of two major utilities to construct a hydroelectric pumped storage plant. The Coalition feels that facilities of this type should be constructed in a scarred area rather than in a high quality environmental setting such as Stony Creek Valley.